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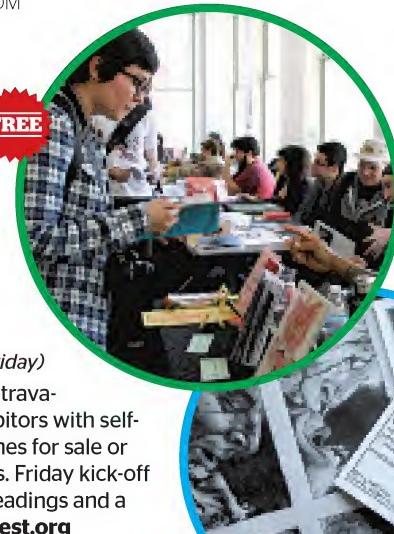
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1104 S. Wabash Ave. (1-3 p.m. Friday [panel]; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday [exhibition])

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Paramedics assist a victim who was struck by a vehicle during the SXSW festival in Austin, Texas, on Wednesday.

REUTERS



Suspect in fatal crash accused of evading police DUI check

Tribune staff report

AUSTIN, Texas A 21-year-old man from Killeen, Texas, is being held in connection with the deaths of two people at the South by Southwest festival, authorities said Thursday.

Rashad Charjuan Owens was taken into custody Thursday morning and will face two counts of capital murder and 23 counts of aggravated assault, according to a spokeswoman for the Austin Police Department.

The suspect was first identified by the American-Statesman newspaper in Austin.

The two people killed were a Texas woman who was riding on a moped and a Dutch man who was riding a bicycle, Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo told a news conference.

“This is an individual that showed no regard for the human beings that he plowed into in his attempt to get away.” —Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo

“This is an individual that showed no regard for the human beings that he plowed into in his attempt to get away,” Acevedo said of Owens, whose name was at that point not released.

Acevedo said police had taken blood samples from the man and have video of the incident from a police dashboard camera.

Owens was asked to pull over at a sobriety check point and instead allegedly sped away from a police car. He smashed through a police

barricade and then plowed down people, some of them lined up outside a nightclub, over a span of two blocks.

Witnesses said victims were flying in the air after being struck.

Owens then tried to flee on foot but was subdued by an officer with the stun gun.

Emergency medical teams, on standby for the festival, responded quickly and the most severely injured victims were transported to

nearby hospitals, officials said.

“All of our critical patients were off the scene within 15 minutes of the time we received the first call,” James Shamard, chief of staff for Travis County EMS, told the news conference.

Five of the victims were initially in critical condition and two remained in that condition after suffering head injuries, medical officials said. Five other victims were initially listed as being in serious condition.

The suspect had minor injuries and was treated at the same hospital as many of the victims. He was then taken into police custody, hospital office.

An estimated 32,000 people swarm through the capital of the southern state for SXSW, a collection of interactive, film, and music festivals and conferences, which will run through March 16. **REUTERS CONTRIBUTED.**

Sounds like it's line dance season



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We're only weeks away from the annual Hunger Games of our twenties: wedding season. Fortunately in this case, the only thing being massacred is your bank account.

For those of you still in your early stages of adulthood, it goes like this for most of us: You graduate, get a

crappy job, turn 25, then BOOM! All of a sudden you're in a seafoam green dress or a far-too-baggy tuxedo watching your college homie declare he or she won't shack with another soul for the rest of eternity. (This act will be repeated no less than 8 times over the next few years, unless you were in a sorority, then it might as well be 100.)

Wedding receptions used to be a time to kick back, take your shoes off and dance, but they have been hijacked by predictability, especially in the realm of music. Don't believe me? Below is a timeline of the music you will hear at every wedding reception you will attend this year.

6 p.m.: Reception begins.

6-7 p.m.: Cocktail hour, i.e. pop songs covered by an orchestra/Rat Pack tunes/Motown.

7:05 p.m.: Announcement that open bar is closing for dinner.

7:06 p.m.: Loud boos!

7:07-8 p.m.: See cocktail hour.

8:02 p.m.: First dance time. Like the sun rising in the morning, you can expect to hear either "Amazed" by Lonestar, "Mirrors" by Justin Timberlake or "At Last" by Etta James. (If the couple is really cool, it'll be "Love On Top" by Beyoncé.)

8:05 p.m.: Father-daughter dance time.



This will either be Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely," Nat King Cole's "Unforgettable" or "My Girl" by The Temptations. Set your watch to it.

8:09 p.m.: Mother-son song: "In My Life" by the Beatles.

8:12 p.m.: DJ announces that the dance floor's open, leads off with either the Beatles' version of "Twist and Shout," unless you're at a black wedding. Then it's "Before I Let Go" by Maze.

8:43 p.m.: All Slide everything. Be it Cha Cha, Electric, Cupid Shuffle or the Wobble, it's time for a big line dance! Also, why isn't anyone wearing shoes?

8:54 p.m.: "Shout" by the Isley Brothers. Enough said.

8:59 p.m.: Grandma leaves.

9:01 p.m.: Songs recorded after 1980 are played.

9:04-9:56 p.m.: All the songs designed to facilitate random hookups are played, as well as the drunken requests (I was at a wedding where they played Master P's "Make 'Em Say Uhhs!" It was a Top 5 life moment.)

9:57 p.m.: "Piano Man" and drunken swaying. Thanks for coming! Be sure to grab a party favor and to hydrate. You've got seven more of these before Labor Day!

There's more!

Look for our 2014 Wedding Guide inside select copies of RedEye on March 20, online at redeyechicago.com/wedding and in our weekly iPad edition on March 19.



FOLLOW THY TWEETS

#FF: TRY THEM ALL!

Guess what? This week, we had some trouble narrowing down a short list of Twitter accounts you should be following right now—so we're just going to roll with it and list off a couple of them, instead of the usual one, instead.

Happy Friday—enjoy!

Suggest someone you think we should feature by sending a tweet to [@JessicaGalliard](https://twitter.com/JessicaGalliard). JESSICA GALLIARD, REDEYE SOCIAL MEDIA LADY

@YesYou'reRacist

Ever searched Twitter for phrases like "not racist"? Don't bother—if you really want a reminder of how disgusting of a place Twitter can be, this account has done it for you by retweeting some decidedly racist stuff. We call this corner of the Internet "Shame Twitter."

@TweetsofOld

An oldie (heh), but a goodie. @TweetsofOld pulls lines from real newspapers and periodicals and appropriately shares them via Twitter:

*"The vulgar habit of clutching a girl midway between the elbow and the shoulder-blade is indulged in only by dudes; not gentlemen.
NE1883"*

"Lot of new followers today. Hope you and your friends CAN'T hold your liquor. I want to see some good vomit pics this weekend."

@ChicagoVomit

Could have used this Thursday morning when I was greeted by a woman barfing on the platform as soon as the doors of my Blue Line train opened at Clark/Lake. Look at this vomit tracker as a resource—especially for St. Patrick's Day weekend—for where you should be watching where you step.

(Yes, I really did mention this one in Thrillist Chicago's list of the 50 most important Twitter feeds. Prove me wrong.)



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A rendering of the Kellogg School of Management's new global hub on the Evanston campus, a 410,000-square-foot lakefront education center. The Department of Economics in the Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences also will be housed there.

NU's goal: \$3.75 billion

Officials launch the Chicago area's biggest fundraising campaign

Chicago Tribune

In the most ambitious fundraising campaign ever in the Chicago area, Northwestern plans to announce Friday that it has set out to raise



Shapiro

\$3.75 billion for the Evanston-based institution.

If successful, it would be among the 10 largest fundraising efforts by a university in the U.S. While there is no end date for the campaign—dubbed “We Will: The Campaign for Northwestern”—university officials hope the goal will be reached within five years.

To do that, Northwestern will have to raise about \$9 million a week for nearly the rest of this decade. The university already has secured \$1.52 billion—about the entire amount raised during Northwestern’s last major fundraising effort, which ended in 2003. The university has counted toward the goal all gifts and pledges since September 2011, when the

campaign quietly began, including nearly \$300 million brought in last fiscal year.

Northwestern officially will announce the effort Friday afternoon at receptions on the Evanston and Chicago campuses, and at a dinner for about 600 donors and university officials.

The campaign’s goals are broad and will pay for new buildings, including an athletics and recreation complex along Lake Michigan; student scholarships, including more aid for students from Chicago and abroad; endowed faculty positions; and research and academic programs in areas as diverse as biomedicine and music.

“We have some big plans,” Northwestern President Morton Schapiro told the Tribune in an exclusive interview about the campaign. “We were thinking about all these great ideas, and how much each budget would need to be. You add it up and it’s an enormous number.”

“At the end of this decade, this place will be greater than it is now.”

Money raised will go toward four major new buildings, three of which have been announced and are in various stages of development: the biomedical research building in Chicago at the site of the former Prentice Hospital; a new combined home for the Kellogg School of Management and Department

WHAT ABOUT STUDENT AID?

Among the campaign’s largest goals is to increase financial aid for undergraduate, graduate and professional students, including those in the schools of law and medicine who graduate with the largest debts. The university also hopes to increase scholarships for international students, who currently receive little aid, and for Chicago Public Schools students through the “Good Neighbor, Great University” program that provides special financial aid packages for about 180 students from Chicago and Evanston.

of Economics on the east side of the Evanston campus; a new music and communications building in Evanston; and a significantly larger athletics complex than originally conceived, which the board plans to approve Friday.

The music and communications building is scheduled to be completed in spring 2015, and construction is expected to begin on the other three facilities within the next year. Other building projects include improvements to Deering Library; a new visitors center; and an \$80 million renovation of Kresge Centennial Hall, a major classroom building that houses many of the humanities departments.

River greening gets earlier start

Chicago Tribune

Organizers of Saturday’s St. Patrick’s Day festivities have decided to move up the dyeing of the Chicago River to 9:30 a.m.

Citing concerns about moving the large crowds that gather along the river to watch the annual tradition, Kevin Sherlock, an event organizer with the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130 that oversees the river dyeing and the parade that follows, said things will get started even earlier next year, at about 9 a.m.

The dyeing was previously scheduled for 10 a.m., but organizers have found it difficult to start the parade on time with so many people gathered along the river to watch it turn green.

The parade begins at noon at Columbus Drive and Balbo Avenue.

EXPRESS LINES

- » Mayor Emanuel’s administration sold more than \$883 million in bonds this week to pay bills and maintain services, a strategy that will cost taxpayers down the road but lets him put off some difficult choices leading up to his re-election campaign.

- » Chicago-based Calumet Photographic abruptly announced nationwide closing of its stores Thursday after 75 years in business.

- » A 33-year-old man who was being held in a police station holding cell on the West Side was pronounced dead Thursday after he died of an apparent suicide, officials said.

- » The three major for-profit ride-share companies operating virtually unregulated in Chicago face a Friday deadline to respond to a subpoena calling on them to turn over copies of their insurance policies, officials said. **REDEYE**



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7 dead, 5 missing in building collapse

1 Search crews picked through still-smoldering rubble on Thursday, looking for survivors of a gas explosion that caused the collapse of two New York apartment buildings on Wednesday, killing seven people and injuring about 60. Five people remained missing on Thursday morning. New York Police Detective Martin Speechley said.

'Pings' but not info on disappeared plane

2 Satellites picked up faint electronic pulses or "pings" from Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 after it went missing Saturday, but the signals gave no information about where the stray jet was heading and little else about its fate, two sources close to the investigation said Thursday.



GETTY IMAGES

Graphic images shown during Pistorius trial

3 A South African court saw graphic images on Thursday of the bloodstained bathroom in which Oscar Pistorius (above) shot his girlfriend, as prosecutors unveiled more details of the scene of the killing. Photographs of Steenkamp's face and body were also shown accidentally to the court, upsetting Pistorius, who vomited into a bucket for the second time since the start of the trial.

Obama admin endorses cuts in sentencing

4 The Obama administration on Thursday threw its weight behind a proposal that it says could cut the average prison sentence for a federal drug defendant by 11 months, a change designed to help reduce the massive U.S. prison population.

Death sentences upheld in rape, murder case

5 Four men convicted of raping and murdering a woman in New Delhi had their death sentences upheld on Thursday for a crime that caused a huge public backlash against an entrenched culture of violence against women in India.

Will Ukraine open fire?

6 MOSCOW A Ukrainian army colonel whose troops have been challenged by Russian marines for control of a Crimean air base threatened Thursday to open fire unless given new and formal instructions to hold off by his nation's defense ministry, the UNIAN news agency reported.

"Being under constant pressure from Russian Federation army servicemen and local militia ... we are acting on oral orders to hold on, not to give in to provocations and not to open fire," Col. Yuly Marchur said in a statement quoted by UNIAN news agency. "In case you don't provide corresponding decisions, we will be forced to act in accordance with Ukraine army statute, including opening fire."

"We have a clear understanding that we won't be able to resist the Russian troops prevailing in arms and preparedness," he added, "but we are ready to fulfill our duty to the end."

Marchur's troops were protecting the military base in Belbek late last month when Russian forces took control of the airstrip and more than three dozen Ukrainian MiG-29 jets. His forces continue to control administrative buildings and have firearms and ammunition, Defense Ministry spokesman Lt. Col. Alexei Mazepa told the Times by telephone. The Russians are pressing Marchur and his troops to hand over their guns and leave the base, Mazepa said.

"Russian military aggression is in full swing

as they are continuing to expand their numbers and firepower all across Crimea, blocking our units and demanding they surrender," Mazepa said. "Today they broke in and captured our communication and interception station in the town of Zelenogorsk, threatening to use arms if resisted."

Russia's Black Sea fleet, which has long leased bases on the peninsula from Ukraine, sank a third old boat in the mouth of Donuzlav Bay in the northern part of Crimea, Mazepa said, in a continuing effort to block Ukrainian naval ships from leaving port.

Mazepa speculated that Russian forces might be eyeing a move into other parts of Ukraine.

Employees file suit against McDonald's

7 McDonald's employees have filed seven lawsuits alleging that the world's largest restaurant chain is systematically stealing wages through practices including failure to pay overtime and forced work off the clock, attorneys representing the workers said Thursday.

The lawsuits, filed in California, Michigan and New York, also accuse McDonald's of denying workers timely meal periods and rest breaks, and requiring employees to purchase their own uniforms or to pay for the cleaning of those uniforms. Five of the seven lawsuits also name some of the company's franchisees as defendants.

Heidi Barker Sa Shekhem, a McDonald's spokeswoman, said the Oak Brook-based company is reviewing the allegations in the lawsuits. She said McDonald's and its franchisees share a concern and commitment to the well-being and fair treatment of their workers.

The workers are demanding that the company pay back what they call "stolen wages" and stop such practices in the future, their attorneys said on a conference call.



8 Mill Baxter, 9, releases a red balloon in front of the Houses of Parliament in central London on Thursday in a re-creation of Banksy's "Girl with Red Balloon" to mark the third anniversary of the Syria crisis. GETTYIMAGES



That's how much it will cost to watch streaming TV and movies on United flights for passengers who use laptops or Apple devices, starting in April.

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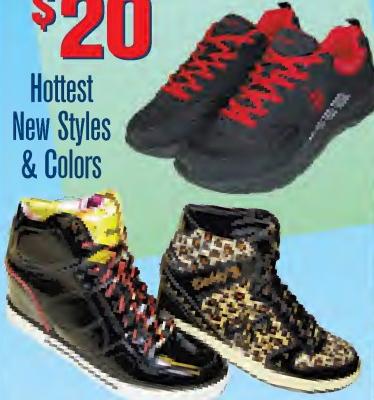
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Better hockey town: Chicago or Detroit?

In a lot of ways, it's a shame the Blackhawks and Red Wings are in different conferences now and play just twice a year. On the bright side, you can save up your venom and unleash it in larger doses—which is what we asked two RedEye staffers to do in comparing the two hockey cities. **REDEYE**

It's time to stop living in the past, Motown



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When I was a young warthog, my old man had a saying: "When Detroit wins, America loses."

The Blackhawks-Red Wings rivalry is historic and deservedly so, but while my opponent will talk stats, I'd like to talk smack.

The Detroit Red Wings were the best hockey team on Earth for a while there, stacking Stanley Cups. Then they decided to turn into a retirement home on skates, with so many old players you'd think it was a charity game.

That's not even the worst thing about Red Wings fans. I know Sean will talk bandwagon Hawks fans who still have the tags on their Kane jersey and wouldn't know icing from a wedding cake. Don't worry, we hate them too. When I say "we," I mean the folks who were there during the dark days and the days when Ed Belfour was in net and Jeremy Roenick was setting the world on fire.

Due to the Blackhawks' rampant—damn near flagrant—success the past few years, Wings fans have morphed into a sort of cocky older brother, content to keep reminding you that they used to shine in their day. Ooh ahh Yzerman Kid Rock We had Prob-er first Hockeytown Blah blah blah blah. It'd be cute if it didn't make me want to throw up.



Jonathan Toews' Jersey

HAWKS GO GREEN
Taking a page out of the White Sox and Bulls' book, the Blackhawks will wear green jerseys to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Players will don the sweaters during warmups for Sunday's game against Detroit, and they will be autographed and auctioned to benefit charity starting that night at auctions.nhl.com.

Let's be honest here: While I can't stand Wings fans, I do miss them and their team being in the Western Conference, if only to see them get beat so hard their Scooby-Doo mystery shack of a stadium feels it.

I give them props, but that's where it stops. The new Hockeytown is south by about 300 miles or so. Come see us in June—we should be having a parade around then.

ERNEST WILKINS IS CHICAGO'S WINGMAN.



You are not even close, Windy City



Sean Ely

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Two Original Six teams. Two storied franchises. Two staples in sports branding. Two organizations you can't forget to mention when talking "hockey" in any context.

But when comparing the Detroit Red Wings to the Blackhawks, what you do NOT have is a pair of teams that both have ride-and-die, never-stray-no-matter-what, loyal fan bases who live and breathe professional shinny.

Nah, sorry. In that narrative, only one squad remains worth mentioning. And they wear red and white winged wheels on their chests.

Eleven Stanley Cups. Playoff berths in 27 of the past 29 seasons, including a streak of 22 straight. An NHL record 21 consecutive home ice victories.

The term "Hockeytown" doesn't just materialize out of thin air. You've gotta earn it. A nickname that's created from a team and its city's soul. And Detroit has this loyalty and decades worth of unquestioned talent in spades.

When the Blackhawks weren't winning, tickets were practically given away. Media coverage was bare. Buzz was nonexistent. Bandwagon fans focused on other Windy City teams.

While Detroit hasn't made a habit of sitting atop the leaderboard the past few seasons, every sports-loving human being in America knows it could win the Cup and no one would be surprised. This could be that year.

Even if it isn't, this isn't the year Red Wings fans fall to the wayside because they aren't in first place. That day, I'm sorry to say to Blackhawks "fans," will never become reality.

And during Sunday's game at (sigh) the United Center, I'll be enjoying a coney dog and Little Caesar's Hot 'N Ready pizza while revving my Detroit-made car engine and listening to Kid Rock's "Born Free" with an octopus in my other hand—watching the Red Wings defeat the Hawks for the second time this season.

Hey, hey Hockeytown.

SEAN ELY IS REDEYE'S VIDEO EDITOR AND A DETROIT NATIVE.

HISTORY LESSON

The Blackhawks and Red Wings have faced each other 726 times. Detroit has a huge edge, 364-265-97, including a 217-106-39 mark at home. Luckily for the Hawks, Sunday's game is at the United Center. That, and Chicago has beat up on Detroit the past few years. Since 2011, the Blackhawks are 12-6 against the Wings, including last year's playoff series (won by the Hawks, 4-3).

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2	What's your Selection Sunday ritual?	Cheering on the Gators. Literally, no one can top.	I slaughter live chickens and revive dead ones.	Laughing at the possibility that my alma mater might be a sacrificial lamb to Duke or Kansas.	1) Watch Big Ten title game 2) Nap 3) Read brackets in next day's papers.	@KeithMAnderson Same as every Sunday. Figure out how to beat a hangover and locate my pants.
3	How did Lovie Smith lure Josh McCown to the Buccaneers?	With a warm embrace.	The Bucs play in Florida so if it doesn't work out, he's already there to start his retirement.	He showed McCown pictures of Wednesday's snowfall—and naked photos of Marc Trestman.	\$10 million plus the chance to die in obscurity. Who could resist?	Brian Thompson Cronuts horne. Cronuts.
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MMA fighter claws back from 'lowest point'

By Scott King | REDEYE

It's one thing for a mixed martial arts athlete to fight another person trying to knock him into next week. It's another to battle his opponent and depression at the same time.

Former Bellator featherweight champ Pat Curran, who trains in Crystal Lake, Ill., has fought his way back from his "lowest point" and will look to regain the title Friday at the Horseshoe Casino. The 26-year-old will face Daniel Straus in a highly anticipated rematch.

Curran spoke to RedEye about battling depression, winning titles and why he loves MMA.

What made you want to pursue MMA?

I started MMA when I [had] just turned 20. The main reason, the only reason, was because of my cousin Jeff [Curran]. He started 16 years ago and he's one of the pioneers of the sport.

He found out I was wrestling in high school, so when I came up for his wedding in Island Lake, he sat me down, started talking a little bit and he showed me some of the footage from his fights. I was hooked.

What's it like winning the title for the first time?

Really, it's unexplainable. You put so much hard work into your fight. The stress, the anxiety, everything leading up to that fight. When I won it for the first time, it was a dream come true.

How much tougher is it fighting while battling ADHD?

You know, all fighters have their own issues, and not just fighters, people in general. The ADHD is not so much an issue, that's just what causing my problems because it was building up a lot of anxiety inside. And then the



anxiety eventually turns into depression.

It's something I had to deal with and recently just found out and am taking the right actions to correct it. The last couple months have been great. There's definitely been a turnaround since I sought help and started moving in the right direction.

That's why this fight is going to be a completely different fight from my last time. I was at the lowest [point] of my depression and it really affected my training camp, my training, my [most recent] fight. I wasn't myself in that fight. It wasn't just my fighting

BELLATOR MMA LIVE

Pat Curran vs. Daniel Straus (featherweight title bout)

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What measures did you take to get help?

I went to my cousin Jeff and my manager. They recommended I go see a sports psychologist. ... He helped me work through some of the issues.

He also got me on medication for anxiety and depression, Lexapro to mg a day. And that really, really turned me around, I go ... The skies are clearing. Actually notice colors are a little brighter. I have no problem admitting it, because it's just the cards I'm dealt with. I just have to live my life and be happy.

SCOTT KING IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



Bears hand out two more deals

The Bears' free agent frenzy continued Thursday, as they agreed to terms with defensive end Willie Young (right, three-year contract) and receiver Domenik Hixon (left). Young, 28, played all 16 games for Detroit last season and had three sacks. Hixon, 29, may be expected to contribute mostly on special teams.



One win closer ...

It's not much, but at least it's something. Illinois (19-13) kept its slim NCAA tournament hopes alive with a 64-54 win over Indiana in the Big Ten tournament Thursday. Tracy Abrams led the Illini, who will face top-seeded Michigan at 11 a.m. Friday, with 25 points.



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**Need for
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Good thing you don't see movies about cars driving fast for the acting, right? Yes, the overlong "Need for Speed" has some pretty bitchin' chases and shots of expensive vehicles flipping over. And more expensive vehicles flipping over. And then more of that. The wildly illogical premise finds Tobey (Paul) getting out of prison and driving across the country with English car expert Julia (Imogen Poots of "That Awkward Moment") to enter an ultra-exclusive, ultra-illegal street race. Tobey wants revenge on the rival (Dominic Cooper) who led to Tobey's incarceration. The duo's previous incident suggests police haven't heard of forensic evidence and randomly believe one person over another in cases of hearsay, but whatever. This time it's personal! Seriously, in the climactic race, the organizer (Michael Keaton), who is said to be mysterious but is easily reachable via Skype, actually says, "This ain't just about racing."

Based on a video game and directed by Scott Waugh (the offensively artificial "Act of Valor"), "Need for Speed" probably will scratch the itch of "Fast and Furious" junkies who just want to see impressive cars zooming down streets and dangling over cliffs. Scott Mescudi (better known as Kid Cudi) delivers effective comic relief, and the movie would be stupid even with another star in place of Paul.

However, for those whose post-movie conversations involve more than just, "Did you see the engine/torque/etc. on that baby?" "Need for Speed" is an often-cartoonish goof whose emotional finale hinges on a twist that isn't even part of the hero's original plan. Here's hoping the film's title doesn't prohibit a feature-length version of the Jessie Spano-addicted-to-caffeine-pills episode of "Saved by the Bell."

Aaron Paul in
'Need for Speed'



**AARON PAUL TRIES FLOORING
IT TO MOVIE STARDOM IN
'NEED FOR SPEED'**

**THE FAST
AND THE
BADASS**

By Matt Pais | REDEYE

For his first big-screen starring role, Aaron Paul—better known as meth dealer Jesse Pinkman on “Breaking Bad”—did not flip a car or drive one off of a cliff.

Ultra-dangerous stuff like that was left to the stunt crew.

But in “Need for Speed,” opening Friday, that really is Paul in the car dangling from a helicopter. And driving as people fuel up the car while it’s in motion. And switching seats with his passenger (Imogen Poots) while the car is moving. And catching her as she jumps from a second-floor window. That fearless

attitude, according to director and former stunt man Scott Waugh, made the film’s stunt coordinator say, “Well, if his acting career doesn’t work out for him, he can always be a stunt man.”

In the film, Tobey (Paul) drives across the country very, very quickly to enter a super-exclusive illegal street race and get revenge on the rival (Dominic Cooper) who’s responsible for the innocent Tobey serving jail time. Paul says he still doesn’t feel like a leading man, but it didn’t stop the role from bringing the 34-year-old actor and his director to the Langham Hotel.

**SPEED LIMIT
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Paul actually drove that speed for the movie: “Going that fast, weaving through traffic, just following the [camera] car, was so much fun.”

**SPEED
LIMIT
230**

In the film, Tobey drives more than 230 mph. Could Paul have gone that fast? “No, I don’t think we ever made it to 230. I think we did push 200, right? But there’s no reason to have me behind the wheel when the cars are going that fast.”

A moment when he was scared:

AP: “There was one moment where [Waugh] wanted me to drive straight at the camera and flip it around—flip the car to a slide. Just over a 180-degree turn. He wanted me to stop within inches from the [camera], but someone was holding that camera and that would be him, because the cameraman did not want to be in that position. I had to fly the camera about 75, 80 miles an hour and then pull the [emergency brake]. [I was scared] ‘cause I didn’t want to hit him!”

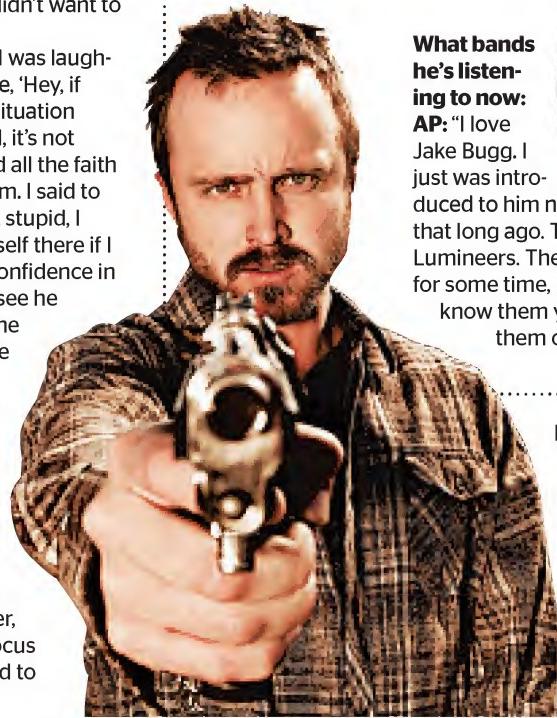
SW: “That’s why I was laughing at him. I’m like, ‘Hey, if anybody in this situation should be scared, it’s not you; it’s me.’ I had all the faith in the world in him. I said to him, ‘Hey, I’m not stupid, I wouldn’t put myself there if I didn’t have the confidence in you.’ But I could see he was nervous in the first two takes. He came up like 10 feet short ‘cause he was nervous of hitting me. And I came up to him and said, ‘Hey, I’ve been hit by cars many times in my stunt career, so I’m OK. Just focus on what you need to do.’”

**How Jesse's RV would do in an illegal street race:**

AP: “Not well. At all. That thing was awful to drive. Especially in New Mexico, the windy Albuquerque desert, it felt like on the freeway it was going to fall over. It nearly did a couple times.”

**What bands he's listening to now:**

AP: “I love Jake Bugg. I just was introduced to him not that long ago. The Lumineers. They’ve been around for some time, but if you don’t know them you gotta check them out.”

**If there was ever a moment on “Need for Speed” that Paul had to say to himself, “I’m not Jesse anymore”:**

AP: “[Laughs.] No, I learned early on, especially while shooting ‘Breaking Bad,’ ‘cause I used to take [Jesse] home with me. During the first season I was Jesse the entire season, which was just exhausting. Because you work on set, and with the show I was working almost every day, pretty much all day, and I’d go home and I’d start working on my stuff for that week and the next day, so you’re kind of in the character no matter what. But I started just unzipping the skin right when I’m done with work and then taking a good hour or two to myself and just kind of being me.”

If his relaxation time involved watching the Kardashians:

AP: “God, no! No offense to that lovely family, but, um, no. [Laughs.] Yeah, just leave it on set. So when I’m on a different project I’m really, truly focused on who that particular person is.”



“He straight-up is a badass. When we were looking to cast the guy for Tobey, I wanted to have that vibe of the next young Steve McQueen [‘Bullitt’]. I was looking for someone that had that edge, that charisma and that humble, likable factor, and when I saw Aaron’s tape—cause I was one of the only aliens on Earth that hadn’t seen ‘Breaking Bad,’ and they were actually pitching me him for the bad guy. When I saw him I was like, ‘Oh my God, this kid’s fantastic. The obvious choice is the bad guy, but the cooler choice is the lead.’”

“When I talked to Aaron and I said, ‘Hey, if you’re going to do this part, I’m doing no CG in this movie. Everything’s real. It means you have to drive. Can you drive? Do you have your license?’ He was totally game ...



He had so much wheel control and physical control, and it was fun because I could put the camera in a lot of places I would never probably put with any other actor.”

—Waugh, on Paul being a badass

Picking their preferred movies

“Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas” vs. “Blow”

AP: “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas”

SW: I can’t answer. Both.



“Dazed and Confused” vs. “Half Baked”

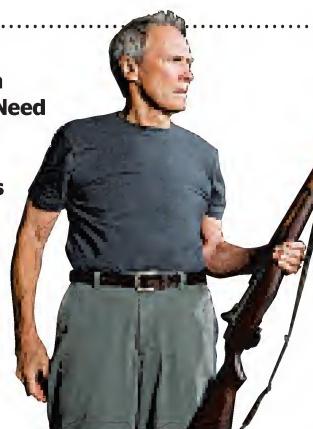
Both: “Dazed and Confused”

“Requiem for a Dream” vs. “Trainspotting”

Both: “Trainspotting”

“Scarface” vs. “The Wolf of Wall Street”

Both: “Scarface”

**With the use of a Gran Torino in “Need for Speed,” how often Paul did Clint Eastwood’s “Gran Torino” voice:**

AP: “Every day. [Laughs.] I didn’t. I wish I would have done it every day.”

“The Fast and the Furious” vs. “Dude, Where’s My Car?”

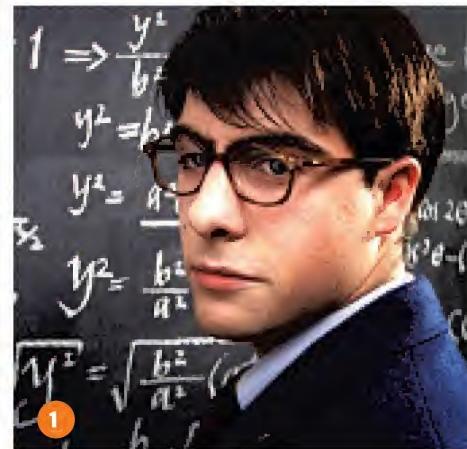
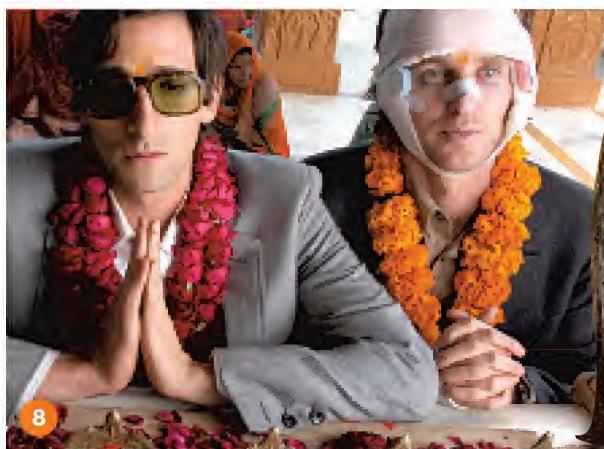
Both: “The Fast and the Furious”

**If he’ll return to Lolla as usual:**

AP: “Uh, yes. I hope so. We come every single year. It’s such a beautiful city. I’ve never been here when it’s cold, and it’s cold [now].”

If he’s ever asked Bryan Cranston to come with him to Lolla:

AP: “I’ve asked Bryan, I’ve tried to convince him to come with me to Coachella, just ‘cause that’s closer to our home. He said, ‘Yeah, no, I’ll come ... I gotta see where’s at in April.’”



Wes' best?

Ranking the director's flicks by personal preference

By Matt Pais | REDEYE

Disclaimer: I am a big Wes Anderson fan. The list below does not intend to imply I dislike any of his films other than "The Darjeeling Limited," the only one I wouldn't gladly rewatch at any moment.

Yet with the release of Anderson's new, exceptional "The Grand Budapest Hotel," it doesn't hurt to take a quick look back and put his movies in my order of preference. Disagreements welcome.

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FROM FAVORITE TO LEAST FAVORITE

1. Rushmore

One of my favorite movies of all time. Brilliant, unforgettable, untouchable.

2. The Grand Budapest Hotel

How does Anderson create so many spectacular characters? He pushes himself here, and the result is funny, wild, ambitious and deceptively honest about life's ability to surprise.

3. Fantastic Mr. Fox

A joyful and creative take on Roald Dahl that, for me, took a few viewings to appropriately appreciate and love.

4. Moonrise Kingdom

Another take on a kid's book, except it's not based on one—"Moonrise" is just an excellent version of Anderson writing a youth-oriented novel on screen.

5. Bottle Rocket

An immensely winning debut, with its flaws more charming than annoying in the context of his career.

6. The Royal Tenenbaums

Many wonderful moments which don't quite cohere into something powerful or hilarious.

7. The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou

Mildly entertaining but struggles to capture the magic.

8. The Darjeeling Limited

His style congealing into uninspired, near self-parody.

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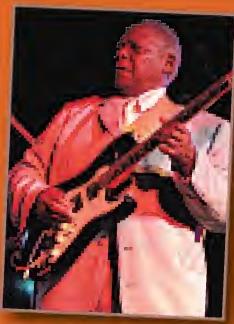
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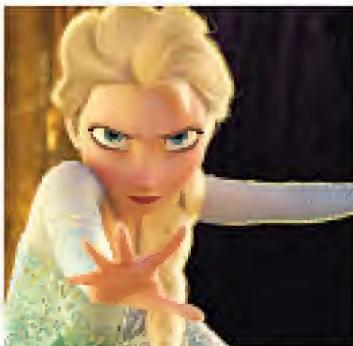
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Frozen

Disney's clever, heartwarming Rapunzel riff "Tangled" was a surprise smash back in 2010, setting the stage for last year's \$1 billion-grossing, multi-Oscar-winning Snow Queen revamp "Frozen" and—if all goes well—a renewed emphasis on animation. Between the grosses and the accolades it's pretty clear that "Frozen" will have lasting effect on the generation of children who will grow up watching it over and over while belting out the hit song "Let It Go." And that's just fine, because this is a movie that wears well, thanks to its emotionally involving, frequently surprising, genuinely thrilling tale of royal sisters divided by an ancient curse. **Extras:** Extensive behind-the-scenes featurettes



American Hustle

Although it recently joined the shortlist of movies that received double-digit Oscar nominations but zero wins, weep not for director David O. Russell's hit caper dramedy about small-time con artists teaming with ambitions G-men to entrap government officials. Russell's fictionalized version of the real-life Abscam scandal shamelessly rips off Martin Scorsese's "Goodfella's" and "Casino" and tries too hard to say something profound about the power of pretense, but it's also funny as hell, with snappy performances by Russell regulars Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence. It's the kind of movie that'll play over and over on basic cable for years.

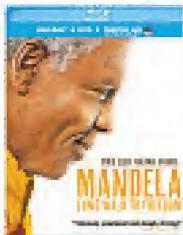
Extras: Featurette and deleted scenes



Saving Mr. Banks

The story of how Walt Disney persuaded author P.L. Travers to let him make a sunny, partly-animated musical version of her somewhat sour "Mary Poppins" stories is a rich one, involving the clash of strong-willed individuals shaped by divergent values. But as dramatized in "Saving Mr. Banks"—with Tom Hanks playing Disney and Emma Thompson as Travers—the relationship between the principals is simplified, with Travers' objections made out to be more stubbornly personal and Disney's demands more reasonable. Then again, that's to be expected from a Disney-approved movie, and though it's a slick bit of corporate self-promotion, it's highly entertaining, with a message about how messy stories must be cleaned up so they can touch hearts.

Extras: A featurette



Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom

Idris Elba gives an outstanding performance as Nelson Mandela in director Justin Chadwick's biopic about the late South African leader, which covers his rise to prominence as a political leader, his long stretch as a convicted dissident and his election to the presidency of the nation that imprisoned him for nearly 30 years. Elba has the gravitas and humanity to bring Mandela to life; it's just too bad the movie around him is so blandly earnest and by-the-numbers. **Extras:** Commentary track by Chadwick, featurettes



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Putting on St. Pat's

Meet the Chicagoans who keep your St. Patrick's Day weekend party going

By Kate Bernot | REDEYE

Irish or not, you're likely going out this weekend (possibly drenched in shamrock gear and green glitter). St. Patrick's Day partying is an annual tradition for most, but three young Chicagoans have a front-and-center view of the festivities. As a musician, a bartender and a parade queen, they're just a few of the people who help the city celebrate — to say nothing of the cabbies, CTA conductors and police officers who keep Chicago from spiraling into utter chaos. They also offer perspective on what the holiday means for those of Irish heritage and offer a few tips for getting the most from your St. Pat's weekend. KBERNOT@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEATDRINK



Brendan Byrne

Irish fiddler in The Chancey Brothers, Young Irish Fellowship of Chicago board member

Age: 28 **Lives in:** Edison Park

Though he spends most of his time fulfilling his duties as a Chicago firefighter, Brendan Byrne squeezes in plenty of Irish activities. He's a fiddler in a few Irish bands—"It's absolutely mental this time of year"—and he's a member of the fire department's Irish football team. As a college rugby player, he transitioned easily to Gaelic football, which he calls "a cross between soccer, with a bit of rugby and volleyball mixed in." It's fiddling, though, that keeps him busiest. This weekend, he has six shows and two parades booked. "I've taken off work for the week following just for decompressing, eating fried food and hydrating," Byrne said. And while he sees how true Irish culture can get lost in the St. Pat's partying, he sees an upside to Chicago's enthusiasm for the holiday. "Without a huge holiday behind it, it would be tough to keep so many Irish bands and Irish dancers going. Chicago's a great town for supporting that." **Catch him:** In the downtown Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade (Saturday at noon beginning at Balbo Drive and Columbus Drive), playing Cork Lounge at 3:30 p.m. Saturday (1822 W. Addison St. 773-404-5318)



Sarah Clark

Bartender at The Gage
(24 S. Michigan Ave. 312-372-4243)

Age: 37 **Lives in:** Lakeview

When you need a pint of Guinness this weekend, Sarah Clark is your gal. She's been behind a bar on St. Patrick's Day for 13 years, first at The Irish Oak in Wrigleyville and now at The Gage in the Loop. There, she serves pints of stout and whiskey shots to the crowds that pack the restaurant before and after the downtown parade. "The Gage isn't a sports bar. We tend to have a higher-end clientele. But on that day, it has more of a party, crazy atmosphere to it," Clark said. "We embrace it and try to entertain our guests." Her tips for being a good bar patron this weekend? Don't continuously open and close your tab—it just takes up the bartender's time. "Secondly, if you're going out, realize that there are 30 other people [at the bar] that are just as eager as you are, so be polite," she said. "People are going to bump into each other. Be kind."

Catch her: Behind the lower-level bar at The Gage on Saturday from 9 a.m. to close



Maeve McSweeney

South Side Irish Parade Queen

Age: 20 **Lives in:** Milwaukee, Wis., to attend Marquette University, but grew up in Beverly

If not for the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade, Maeve McSweeney might not exist. Her parents met 25 years ago at the parade, then settled in Beverly, where McSweeney was raised. A committee selected her as this year's queen, meaning she'll march in the parade and continue to the Chicago Rose of Tralee competition—but don't confuse her for a pageant queen. "The only reason I applied is because I knew it wouldn't be like [a pageant]," McSweeney said. "It's girls from the neighborhood who are role models for younger girls, especially those of Irish descent." McSweeney's family calls St. Patrick's Day "a second Christmas," and she said the day is more about celebrating Irish heritage than partying.

Catch her: In both the South Side Irish Parade (Sunday at noon; beginning at 103rd St. and Western Ave.) and downtown Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade (Saturday at noon; beginning at Balbo Drive and Columbus Drive)

PARTY PICKS

What's St. Pat's weekend without green beer and Irish whiskey? Here are a few party picks to get you in the spirit; see additional options on **Page 2** and find our full listings at chicago.metromix.com.

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The Dawson

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Fried chicken biscuit sandwich at Leghorn.
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Sportsman's Club

948 N Western Ave. 872-206-8054
Word is out about this three-month-old Humboldt Park bar from the owners of Bar Deville and The Revel Room. A tight list of four to five cocktails (\$10) changes daily, but you'll feel just as comfortable ordering a bottle of High Life or a blended amaro shot (\$4). The best seats—don't expect to be able to grab them on a Saturday night—are at the tables along the south wall, where duos can challenge each other to a game of checkers.

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SXSW

Second City transplants
love their new Texas home

Austin living, via Chicago

By Ernest Wilkins | REDEYE

New York, L.A., maybe even Seattle. These are the usual suspects for Chicagoans looking for a new home. But one of the sleeper picks slowly becoming a haven for former Second City residents might come as a surprise: Austin, Texas.

Population data from the U.S. Census Bureau show that more than 1,500 Cook County residents migrated to the three counties that make up the greater Austin area between 2007 and 2011. That may not seem huge until you compare it with big-name burgs like San Francisco (987) and Brooklyn (250). Each had smaller numbers of ex-Chicago-area residents relocating to those cities over the same period.

Why Austin? For some like Leo Resig, former West Loop resident and co-founder of pop-culture website The Chive, the siren call was of a financial nature.

"Austin is a pro-business town," said Resig, 34, who moved to Austin last year. "The support they offered, in addition to there being no income tax, made it a no-brainer for us [when planning to relocate]."

Joe Michaels, the current brewmaster at Resignation Brewery (a beer company created as an extension of Chive parent



Resignation Brewery brewmaster Joe Michaels (left) and Chive CEO Leo Resig stand in the Chive offices in Austin.

company Resignation Media) and former Lakeview resident, agrees. He added that the city goes out of its way to support new businesses with incentives and opportunities for cheaper land.

Not all folks flee to Austin for the tax write-off. Former Logan Square resident Andy Keil, founder of music startup FU Weekend, was attracted by the chance to start anew.

"Having so many good friends in the city, I stopped challenging myself and got

complacent," Keil, 24, said. "I got stuck in a rut knowing all the same people and realized I needed to get out of my comfort zone so I made the move."

The annual South by Southwest music, film and interactive festival also played a role. Keil says he visited SXSW three times and fell so deeply in love with the town's vibe that in 2012 he decided to stay.

Resig also notes: "Austin is a bigger music town than Chicago. You get all these festivals [Austin also hosts the FunFun-Fun Fest and Austin City Limits music festivals and is known as the Live Music Capital of the World]. Big bands, small bands. We get it all."

Why Austin, though? Michaels thinks it's all about the feeling of camaraderie. "I think people from Chicago move here because the city has a similar personality. People are friendly and way less difficult to meet," said Michaels, 30, who moved to Austin in 2013. "You get embraced here. Also, the cost of living is going up, but it's still not as crazy as Chicago yet."

While all three guys have fond memories of Chicago, make no mistake: None of them misses the weather for a second.

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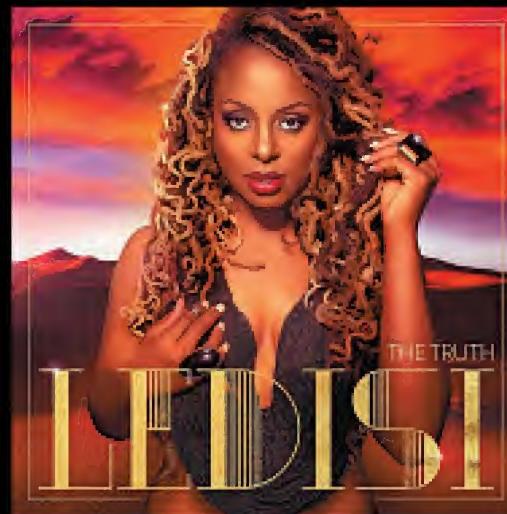
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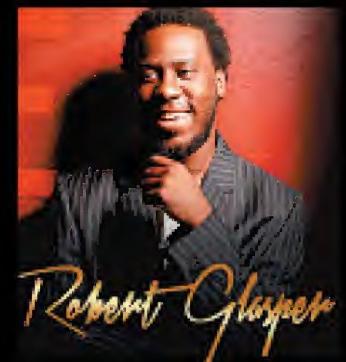
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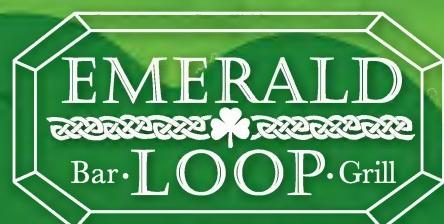
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By Matt Pais | REDEYE

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Rock 'n' Vote (with alums including JC Brooks and the Uptown Sound, Rockie Fresh and I Fight Dragons) is back, which means it's time for any Chicago band seeking exposure to send in your demo (music, bio, anything else you have). We're looking for men, women, rappers, rockers, anything really—just make it good. We'll pick the top 10 submissions, and RedEye readers will listen to the finalists and vote for which acts they want to see play our RedEye Rock 'n' Vote concert this spring.

Don't delay! Submissions must be received by April 11. If you're entering electronically, send submissions (music, color hi-res photos, etc.) to mpais@tribune.com and prove that you rock!

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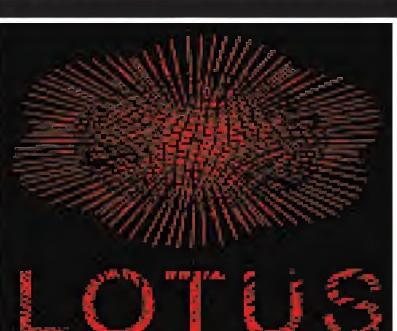
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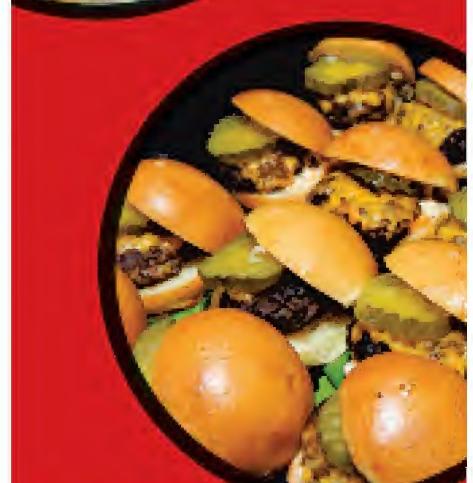
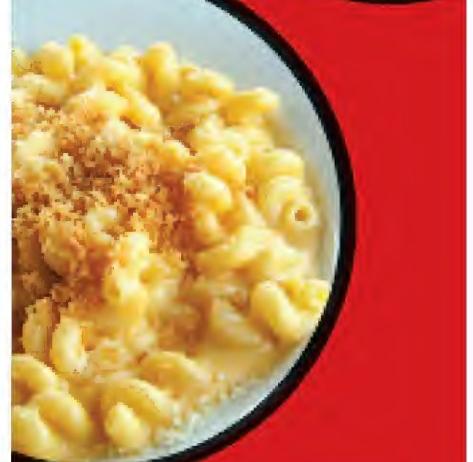
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My ex is gay. How do I not take it personally?



Anna Pulley

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Dear Anna,
My last relationship ended because my now ex-boyfriend realized he was gay. I'm trying to be OK with everything, but how do I not take it personally? Especially when my friends are acting like it's the biggest deal? —Ex-Factors

Dear Factors,

My last relationship ended because my ex-girlfriend realized

she was straight. You don't take it personally because it's not personal. You could have the most amazing, bedazzled, show tune-singing vagina in existence and it still wouldn't change the fact that your ex prefers dudes. It happens. People break up all the time, for far pettier reasons. It may not help you, but it certainly helped me to take the mimosa-half-full outlook: Losing a lover because he was gay (or straight, in my case)

absolves you of any of the blame. You didn't do anything wrong! How could you have? You simply lacked back hair and a disposition for "Wicked."

I'm not sure why some people (your friends it seems) tend to consider this type of situation to be the ultimate slight. I'd guess it has something to do with feeling like not just that we were rejected, but that all of womankind was rejected! That our essential, elemental selves were rejected! But we shouldn't. Her bisexuality is doing just fine, thanks.

It all boils down to a basic incompatibility. Is it really worse to be left because of a revised sexual orientation, rather than any other number of situations, like being left for another woman, being left for your sister or being left for a blow-up doll named Francine? Is it better to be dumped so he can "find himself" or because you "are in different places in your lives"? My point is that it always sucks, regardless of how we hierarchize our grief. And the more we dwell on "what went wrong" (which, again, is nothing! You are blameless!), the harder it is for us to move on.



GETTY IMAGES

Focus instead on healing yourself, on patching the good pieces of your life back together, and you'll be fine.

As for your friends, it's not the "biggest deal," or even a big deal, but I'd bet they are spinning it that way because you got your heart broken and it's their misguided attempt of righteously siding with you. Try not to let

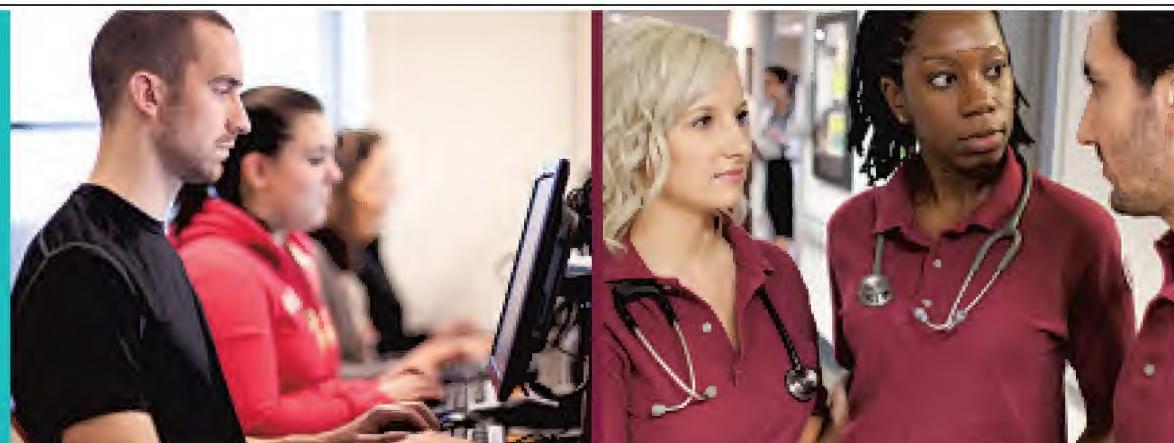
them get a rise out of you.

The next time they attempt to make it into A THING, shrug your shoulders and change the subject. They'll get the hint eventually and move on.

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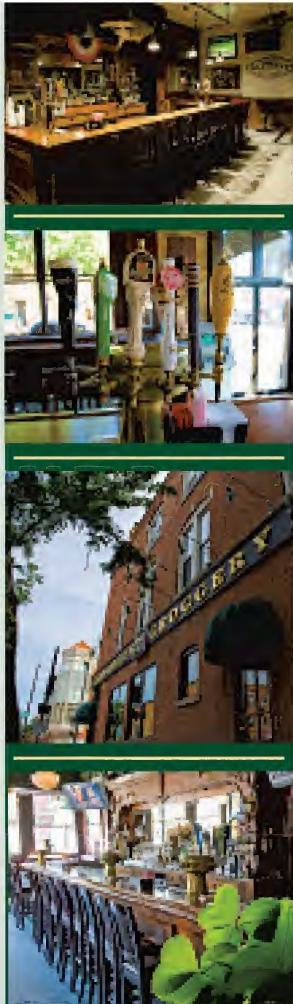
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By Lauren Krause | FOR REDEYE

Downwind of a New York-style deli and waffle shop on Clark Street, you'll find Hasana, a boutique with an uncommon mission. Opened last summer in Lakeview, Hasana is run by Jessica George and the Aprecio Foundation, the nonprofit she started in 2009. The foundation focuses on young women's education, and all proceeds from sales benefit the foundation and its goals. "I wanted to couple my love for fashion and passion for helping women," she said. Based on the high-end goods and stylish decor, you might not guess the store's charitable approach. Gilded walls, an old-timey record player and tons of unique clothing and accessories fill the boutique with whimsy and sophistication.

The moment I stepped into this dress (Cettina, \$125), I knew I had found my look. The color, fabric and long, billowy sleeves gave me an elegant ensemble perfect for a dinner party or an evening cocktail hour. The pop of blue in this necklace (Dorus Mihor, \$130) broke up my monotone gold get-up and this rockstar cuff (Ali's Collection, \$75) added texture and interest to the outfit. (Happy coincidence: Hasana carries designers from around the country, but all three of these items happen to be made by Chicago designers.) I added my own tights and boots, but in warmer weather, this dress could look just as sharp with bare legs and patent pumps.

Where to wear it: Date night or dinner with friends.

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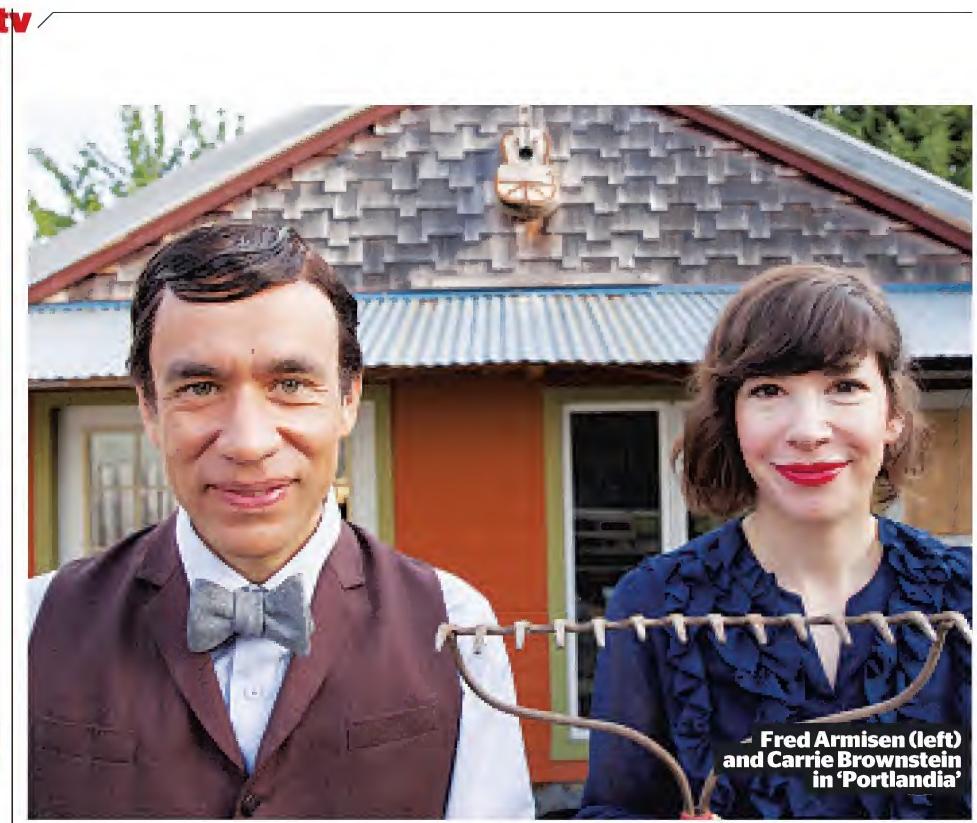
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Fred Armisen (left)
and Carrie Brownstein
in 'Portlandia'

This is a good time to be Fred Armisen

Tribune newspapers

Fred Armisen hasn't been on "Saturday Night Live" for a while, but he seems to be everywhere else. He's just started the fourth season of the quirky IFC sketch comedy show "Portlandia," in which he and Carrie Brownstein poke subtle fun at the people and rituals of Portland, Ore.

He's taken on a major gig as a bandleader, with his 8G Band, for NBC's "Late Night with Seth Meyers," and he's making the rounds at other events.

We caught up to the comedian-performer-writer-musician while he was taking a brief break from all his activities.

How crazy has juggling all these things been for you?

Yeah, it's been crazy, but it's something that has been good. There are many hours in the day, and plenty of things to do. It's a joy to do both comedy and play music.

"Portlandia," which used to be known as this quiet, subtle comedy, seems like it's really got momentum in kicking off the fourth season.

Carrie and I have done all these press events—we really have worked hard to make sure people know about the show. We're at a good place now—the first season we really

had to explain what "Portlandia" was. We don't have to spend that much time defining the show. We've got brilliant writers that really tore into the material.

Doing both "Portlandia," which you also write and produce, and "Late Night" seems like it might be a bit daunting.

When "Portlandia" starts up again and it's time to write, I will go and take time to do that.

Some people scratched their heads when they heard you were going to be leading a band on a late-night show.

Really? It's a learning experience. I don't know how to read music. I'm learning how to play guitar. I'm also learning how to play drums. The truly great part of it is that I get to hang out with my friend Seth.

Carrie's a talented musician. Are we going to see her sitting in at some point?

Yes, we will see her—she's one of my favorite guitar players. She's a brilliant musician. You're going to see many special guests.

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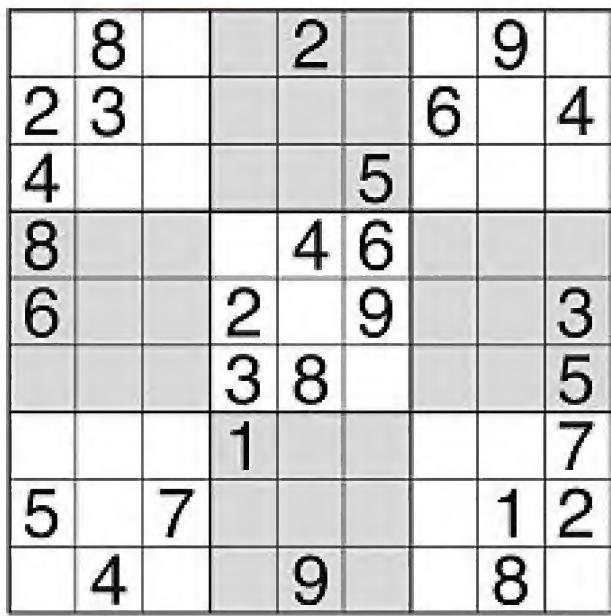
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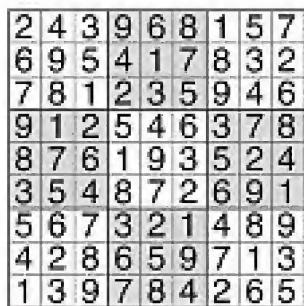
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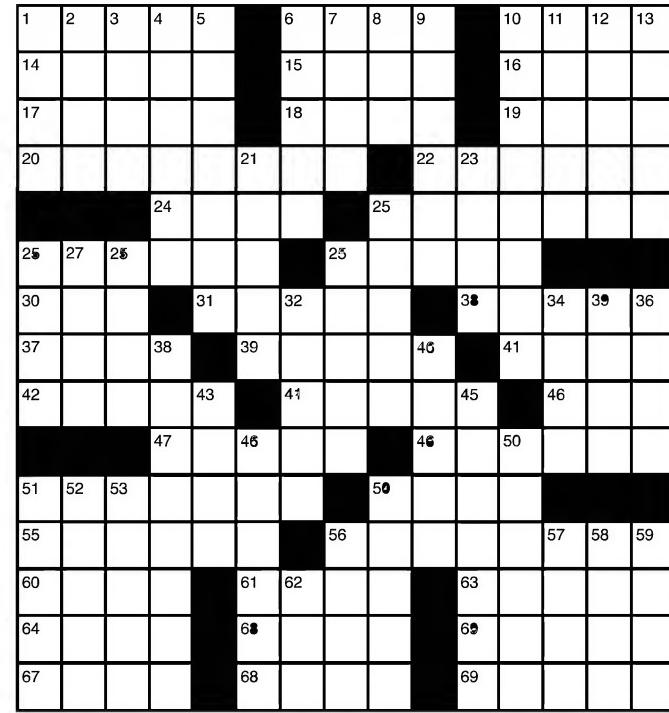


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 - 25 Go in again
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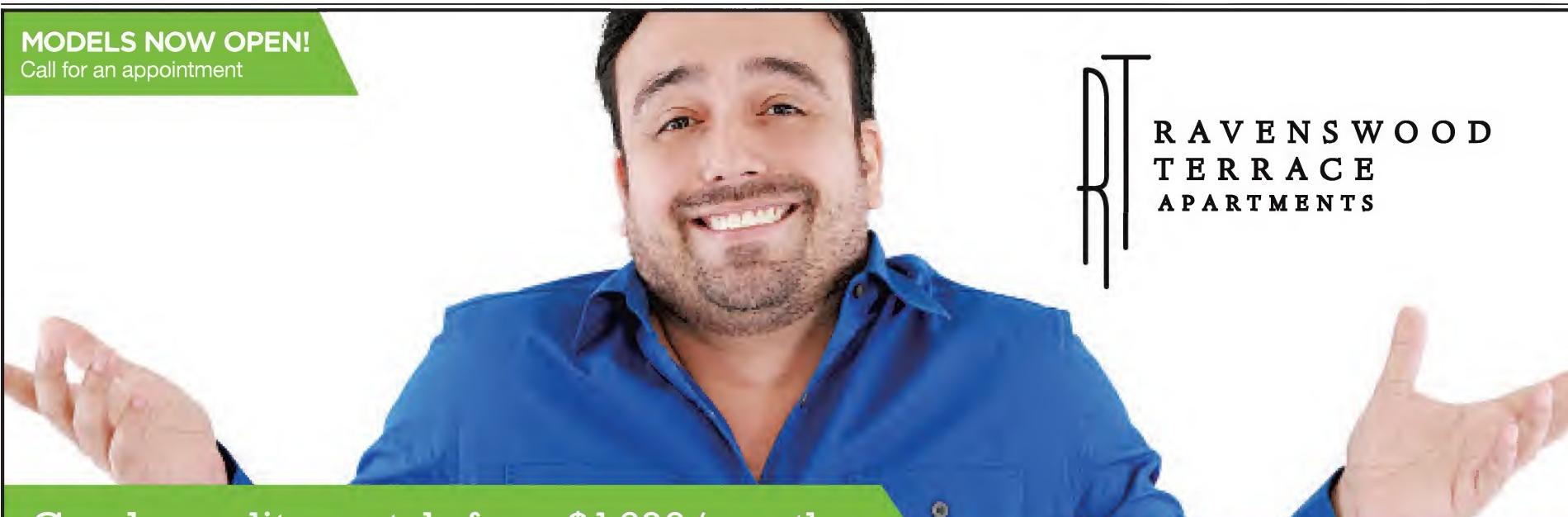
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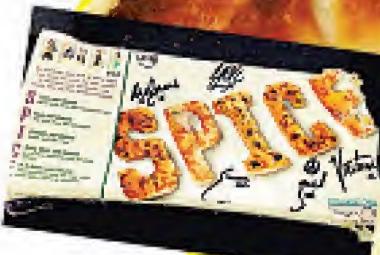
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By Dana Moran

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Victoria Beckham has something you want, that you really really want. And that thing is Spice Girls-branded pizza. The former Posh Spice tweeted a photo Thursday of the aforementioned item, which her mom had apparently found Wednesday in the freezer. A few important notes:

- The pizza is actually five pizzas in the shape of the letters S, P, I, C and E.
- Each spice chose the toppings for her own pizza. Sporty's had tuna and cheese, Baby's had ham and cheese, Ginger's had chilies and cheese, Scary's had spicy beef and cheese and Posh's had red onions and cheese.
- Yes, British people eat tuna on their pizza.
- All five girls signed the box, which probably would have made it worth about \$90,000 if Posh's mom hadn't OPENED THE BOX TO TAKE A PICTURE OF THE ACTUAL PIZZA, thus ruining it.

Anyway, we can't imagine why more artists haven't used this brilliant marketing strategy, and hereby would like to humbly offer topping suggestions for some of our favorites.

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Drake

Canadian bacon and pineapple. Simple, sweet and with a shout-out to his roots.



Rick Ross

Pulled pork, hot peppers, seven kinds of cheese and truffle oil. Did you see his interview in Bon Appetit? Dude knows his stuff.



Beyoncé

Tomato sauce, sausage, black olives, a little shake of crushed red pepper. Flawless.



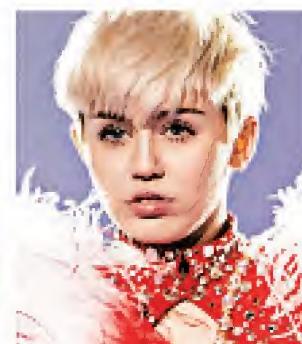
Katy Perry

A white pizza with mashed potatoes, shrimp, red peppers and a fried egg—just enough stuff to make it look like a mystical, cloud-topped playground.



Fall Out Boy

Is there such a thing as a Chicago hot dog-style pizza? It sounds pretty disgusting, but maybe these hometown heroes could pull it off.



Miley Cyrus

Margherita-style—seriously, with as little cheese as possible. We want that pizza NAKED.



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—Zoe Saldana, to Net-a-Porter's The Edit, on letting herself go since marrying artist Marco Perego. We, too, have been eating such a diet. Every damn day.

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And you get a renewal! And you get a renewal!

Don't fret—your favorite CBS show probably hasn't been canceled next season. The network on Thursday announced the renewal of 18 shows for the 2014-15 season, variety.com reports. At this point, it's more notable to point out what WASN'T renewed—"Hostages," "Intelligence" and "The Crazy Ones," which stars Robin Williams and Sarah Michelle Gellar, weren't on the list. There's always more *"Two and a Half Men."* Always.



CSI: Kardashians

Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian, with the cash and jewels. In the mansions. Wait, this isn't a remake of "Clue"! TMZ reports that \$250,000 in jewelry was stolen from Khloe and Lamar's former home, and Kourtney is missing \$60,000 in cash. Crew members from "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" are being questioned in connection with the crimes.

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It feels like if I told people all the statistics of my character, they'd probably think it was this daytime soap."

—"Veronica Mars" star Jason Dohring, to Vulture, on the fact that his character, Logan, has many dead girlfriends. He added: "But I think it came off very real, all the stuff that he has going on." Sure, dude.

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HOT DATE

MAY 5

That's when Season 4 of "Louie" will premiere on FX, eonline.com reports. The network will air two consecutive episodes on Mondays for seven straight weeks, perhaps an attempt to make things up to fans who were irked by the show's 19-month hiatus.

Total eclipse of our brains

Attention, fans of '80s music: A formerly popular major network show will be soundtracked entirely by covers of hits from that decade. Nope, it's not "Glee." Try "Grey's Anatomy." THR.com reports that the show's '80s Covers project kicked off Feb. 27 with "Total Eclipse of the Heart," and will carry through the end of Season 10.



Jim Parsons as Sheldon Cooper in 'The Big Bang Theory' CBS

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